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Greeting Kansas Students

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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

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Time To Renew

In mid-October your "Congregational Kansas" Key Person will receive a list of the present subscribers in your church, accompanied by a letter giving details.

Only churches having 20% or more of their total membership subscribing are entitled to the 50 cent subscription rate. By vote of the Conference Board of Trustees, the cost to individuals and to churches with less than 20% of their membership subscribing will be \$1.00 for 1959.

Each year more churches are sending the magazine to every church family. How better can we make our churches aware of belonging to a fellowship much more far reaching than the local church?

In other churches one devoted person solicits subscriptions from every family. In still other churches the Pilgrim Fellowship young people handle the job efficiently.

Whatever your plan, try to get "Congregational Kansas" into every church home. Renewals and new subscriptions are due by December first.

New A/V Materials Available Conference Office

"The Biggest Thing In Middleville"—Color filmstrip with recorded script - 83 frames. Its purpose is to stress the churches' responsibility to help laymen and women recognize and exercise a sense of Christian responsibility in DAILY WORK. A timely study for any group.

"Meet Bill Hayden"—A new color sound filmstrip especially designed to aid the local church and its Director of Christian Education or the person responsible for that phase of the church program to achieve a closer working harmony and build a better education program.

"How the Old Testament Came To Be"—Color filmstrip with script—75 frames. Shows how some of the writings were first recorded, the urgency which prompted some of the writers, how all the O. T. writings were collected and proclaimed sacred. The art work is outstanding; there is a script for Adults and one for children. Designed especially for use with this quarters Pilgrim Series, but very usable with study groups also.

On Study Themes

"Village Reborn"—This set of 72 frames in color, with recorded script gives an excellent picture of life in the Middle East—the color, the clothing, the people, the country. It also tells the story of what can be done through teaching and the tremendous effects of Christian Missions.

"State of Gaza" is a 15 minute recorded program (no pictures) on the Middle East. All that is needed is a record player to play a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm record.

"A Face for Alphonzo" is a touching story of how a boy from Cuba was restored through a mission hospital in America. Follows North American Neighbor theme, by use of a 15 minute recorded program.

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Seventy-five Years Old

On November 16, 1958, the Haven Congregational Church will celebrate its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary.

Two and one half years before the town of Haven, Kansas was founded, a group of pioneers met in the school house and organized the Congregational Church. There were 13 charter members. Some had letters from churches in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Rev. Lyman Hull was given a call for nine months.

In 1886 the old school building was moved into town. Services were held there until the Methodist Church was built when the Congregationalists used it on alternate Sundays.

The present church building was erected in 1893 at a cost of \$1,847 in cash and \$100.00 donated in labor. At the dedication \$600.00 was raised to complete the amount needed and

\$145.00 subscribed to buy a bell and opera chairs for seating.

In 1928 the building was raised and a basement excavated to make room for classes, a dining hall and kitchen.

The parsonage, built in 1909 was remodeled in 1953 at a cost of \$3500.00 to make a more comfortable home for the ministers family.

In 1955 the sanctuary was completely remodeled and was ready for rededication services January 8, 1956. On May 17 of the same year, the church was greatly damaged by fire. Fortunately, the insurance took care of repairs. The congregation again met in the grade school for several months.

Among the substantial gifts received over the years, were the lots given by the Town Company; a house and lots from Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whiting, a new piano given by Mrs. Fred

Thorp, a \$1000.00 bequest from W. H. Jordan and an electric organ, a gift from Mrs. W. J. House and daughters.

For 27 years, the second Wednesday evening of the month has been reserved for Family Night when a fellowship supper is served.

The Rev. J. D. Schmidt has been pastor since 1952 when he began serving as supply minister. In 1953 the Schmidt's moved to Haven from Whitewater.

Plans for the 75th Anniversary are not complete, but Supt. L. M. Rymph will bring the message at the morning service. There will be a dinner at noon and an afternoon session.

Laymen At Wichita Plymouth

More than 150 laymen representing 35 churches, gathered in Wichita, September 13 and 14 for the Fifth Annual Kansas Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop. Meetings were presided over by Charles Armstrong of Muscotah, State President and Tsuneo Tajima of Topeka First, State Secretary.

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, internationally known churchman of New York City brought the message Saturday evening on "The Master's Favorite Subject". He stated: "All we Americans have and are is in the form of a demand loan and we never know when payment will be demanded. If a city of 1000 people should be used as a representation of the world's 2½ billion population, 70 would be Americans. That 70 persons would control 80% of the total wealth, yet less than 2% of that wealth has gone to world missions."

Accept Project

The Kansas Laymen's Fellowship voted \$600.00 toward support of the first Religious TV program for chil-

dren. This series called, "Off to Adventure" is sponsored by the National Council of Churches. The programs offer real life adventures in far away places, and at the same time, give better understanding and appreciation of children in other lands. The series, free for your local stations, are 15 minutes in length. An offering at the meeting cleared almost \$200.00. Contributions toward the balance needed should be sent to Tsuneo Tajima, Treasurer, 3356 Brendan, Topeka, Kans.

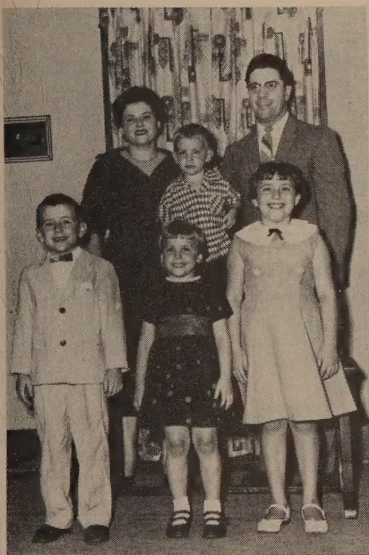
Plymouth Hospitality

The facilities at Wichita Plymouth were ideal for the meetings, the meals were sumptuous and the warm hospitality extended in homes and at the church was greatly appreciated.

In Attendance

Churches represented were: Carbonale 5; Centralia 3; Council Grove 1; Emporia First 1; Eureka 11; Great Bend 8; KC 1st Pilgrim 2; KC Rosedale 4; KC Welborn 3; Kinsley 2; Kiowa 1; Lawrence Plymouth 1; Lenora 6; Little River 4; McPherson 6; Maize 1; Manhattan 6; Muscotah 5; Osborne 2; Part ridge 2; Russell 1; Sabetha 5; Sedgwick 5; Seneca 2; Topeka First 6; Topeka Seaman 3; Towanda 4; Udall 5; Whitewater 5; Wichita Concord 14; Wichita Mayflower 5; Wichita Pilgrim 3; Wichita Plymouth 16; others 9

O B S E R V E
LAYMEN'S SUNDAY
In Your Church
October 19
MUSIC BY LAYMEN
MESSAGES BY LAYMEN
OCTOBER 19



Pictured above are the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Mehlhaff and their four children: Drew—2, Wynn—6; Debra—4; and Karla—8. The Mehlhaffs moved in September. We had a story about them in the June issue but are happy to introduce them in this family group picture.

A United Call

The Rev. A. H. Bartter, for the past five years minister of First Congregational Church, McPherson, whose acceptance of a call to Newton was announced in our September magazine, plans to move to Newton the middle of October. His response is to a joint call by the Newton C.C. and the Newton E&R churches. Many details of the union are yet to be worked out, but the groups have a will to work together as a United Fellowship.

The Bartters came to McPherson following an interim pastorate at Garden City. In addition to giving leadership in the local church and community,

they have been active in many areas of the larger fellowship work.

Ground Breaking at Welborn

Following the morning worship service on September 28 the congregation of the Welborn Community Church joined with the Rev. Kenneth Martin, Minister in breaking ground for their new educational wing.

Other participants were Sup't. L. M. Rymph of the Conference Office, Glynis Gilbert and Janet Schlenker, Pilgrim Fellowship Presidents, Mr. George Dulin, Board of Deacons, Mr. Roy Leap, Moderator, Mr. George O'Daniel, Board of Trustees, Mr. Perc Rayl, Chairman of the Building Committee and Mr. Larry Stahl, Board of Religious Education. The new wing is being built at a cost of approximately \$100,000.00. We congratulate Welborn on this new milestone of progress.

Udall Calls Minister

The Rev. and Mrs. Carl A. Hathaway with Melvin—7 and Carlene—5, pictured below moved into the Udall parsonage, Sept. first. Mr. Hathaway has previously served Baptist churches in the state and has recently been assisting at the Larned Hospital.



DOANE COLLEGE

Our cover picture shows the new Chaplain at Doane, the Rev. A. Warren Matthews, welcoming two Kansas Freshmen to the campus. The girls are Barbara Dotts of Lawrence and Patricia Baker, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Baker of Leavenworth.

Kansas Affiliation

In 1941 the Kansas Conference adopted Doane College at Crete, Nebraska as its official church-related college. Since that time our relationship has been one of "well wishing" and token gifts. But the time has come for us to undergird this great school, founded 100 years ago, if she is to keep abreast of the times.

Students - Graduates - Faculty

Last year sixteen states and five foreign countries were represented in the student body. A recent study shows 18% of the Doane alumni are in scientific fields; 16% in educational pursuits; 13% in banking and business management and 4% in the ministry. Doane rates 5th among American Colleges in America in terms of percentage of graduates going on for Ph.D's in the natural sciences. On the faculty of 33, there are 11 with earned Doctorates and 8 others pursuing work toward doctorates.

Friendliness - Campus - Fellowship

But more important than the above mentioned qualifications is the Christian atmosphere, the warm personal interest and the friendly concern which pervades the Doane campus. The spacious residence halls, the common dining hall and the spacious grounds with rolling hills and wooded valleys, contribute to a democratic camaraderie

between students. A similar spirit prevails between students and faculty where a ratio of one to twelve makes for many personal contacts.

Doane Development - Kansas Participation

Doane has launched a 10-year development program to raise two million dollars for much needed buildings and equipment, administration, and personnel, operating and promotion costs. At a meeting of the Kansas Conference Board of Trustees held early in September, the following action was taken:

"That we recommend to our Kansas Churches that they commend the Greater Doane Development program to their members and encourage their participation, as individuals, in the Doane effort.

"That we urge our Kansas Churches to make special effort to include Doane College in their Annual budgets to the extent of at least 50 cents per member per year."

We trust that each Kansas Church will give serious consideration to placing a gift for Doane in the Annual budget and that many individuals will make a contribution before the end of the year.

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At Andover-Newton

David Cutting of Lenora and Doane College is enrolled at Andover-Newton Seminary at Newton Centre, Mass. In addition to his studies he is assisting at Second Church in West Newton where Dr. Ross Canon is the minister. David has charge of the Junior Church on Sunday morning and the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship on Sunday evenings.



DEVOTED CHURCH WOMAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER

Mrs. C. O. Swanson of our Manhattan Church, pictured above, has been featured recently as one of the earliest Kansas crusaders in the fight against tuberculosis. She has been a director of the Kansas Tuberculosis and Health Association since 1919 and a member of committees in State Board of Health since 1913. She was honored at the 50th Anniversary of the Christmas Seal fight against Tuberculosis, held in Topeka, October 1st.

Born in 1872, a graduate of Carleton College, she and her husband came to Manhattan in 1906. Three months after her arrival she was made president of the local WBMI (Women's Board of Missions of the Interior) in the Manhattan church and served in this office for five years.

Always interested in education, she has taught in the Sunday School since 1907; first the Adult Woman's Class (men and women were separated in those days) then a class of fifth grade girls which she carried thru high school and for the last 20 years, the Adult Bible Class (called Remnant Class).

Other interests have been Missions, Christian Social Action, the work of the Women's Association (now Fellowship) and world affairs. Mrs. Swanson has attended many church conclaves, from Association to National levels. She remembers being assistant Moderator and presiding officer when the Rymphs were installed and she gave the farewell address for the Gonzales.

As a long time friend of Mrs. Swanson, I usually think of her in connection with four different organizations. These are her health work mentioned above, her work on the A.A.U.W. Board (2 years as President), her membership (now Honorary) in one of the oldest women's clubs in the state, the Domestic Science Club, and her church work which probably should have been placed first. Then her family, her husband's colleagues, her Swedish baking. The late Dr. C. O. Swanson, Professor at Kansas State, was State Moderator of the Conference in 1927.

Mrs. R. M. Kerchner—Reporting



Reading left to right, **FRONT ROW:** Kay Camp, Prairie V. Chairman; Ann Helde, Wichita Plymouth, State Secretary; Vice President; Barbara Cole, Gaylord, State Faith Chalmers Secretary; Don Pfuetze, Topeka Central, Eastern President; Secretary; Diane Dalton, Lawrence, Eastern Secretary; Cine

Statewide Senior Rally

Wichita Pilgrim is the place and the dates are November 7 and 8—from 1:30 on Friday to 1:30 on Saturday. Under the guidance of Sally Longton, President and Uncle Merton Rymph, Host Pastor, careful plans are being laid for our coming.

The program arranged by Roger Poppe and Ann Heide will center around the theme: "Grant Us Wisdom, Grant Us Courage" with study and discussion in these areas:

"For the Facing of Military Service"

"For the Facing of the Alledged Educational Crisis"

"For Building Bridges Between Groups that Differ."

"For Considering Christian Life Service"

"For the Facing of Problems Relating to Love and Marriage."

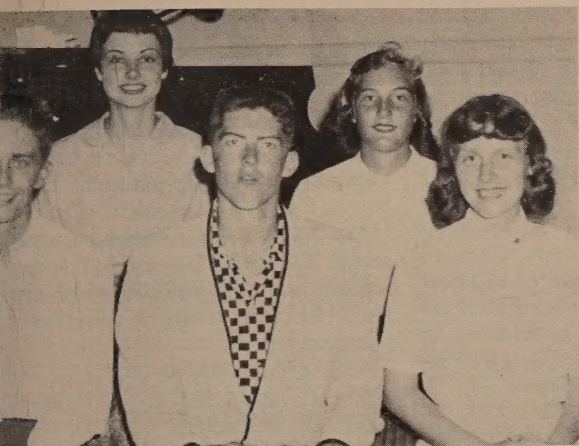
Qualified Adult Leaders will guide discussion in each of the above areas of concern.

Out-of-State Leader

The Rev. A. Warren Matthews, new Chaplain of Doane College, pictured on the cover of this issue will bring the Keynote Talk, Friday afternoon and lead the discussion on Christian Life Service. Mr. Matthews, a graduate of Elon College in South Carolina, was President of his Conference Pilgrim Fellowship. He is a graduate of Hartford Seminary where he won a traveling fellowship for two years study in Europe. While at St. Andrews in Scotland, he completed work for his Ph.D.

Other Features

At the P.F. Assembly, Cindy Ewing and Doug Gunn will bring echoes of their summer overseas. The Morning Meditation on Saturday will be led by Rev. Sadaichi Asai, our new minister at Partridge. Uncle Steve Williams, State Sponsor, will bring the Closing Thought at the Friendship Circle.



Ship Chairman; Linda Wheeler, Topeka First, State Action
tewater, State President; Derril Peabody, Muscotah, State
o right, BACK ROW: Judy Gripton, Smith Center, Western
wa, Southern President; Roberta Bell, McPherson, Southern
President of Western was not present.

Since Pilgrim is one of our newer churches and does not have dining facilities, all meals will be served by Kings X, Incorporated. Lodging will be furnished in homes. The total cost of \$3.25 per person must accompany the registrations. Please send your best people.

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The Trick Is To Treat The Children of the World

Last Halloween \$1,000,000.00 was raised for UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) by young people across the country who turned their "door bell ringing" on Halloween into vitamins, medicine, food and shelter for starving, unfortunate children.

A kit outlining plans, containing posters, brochures, stickers and identification tags for a group of 25 may be

had for \$1.00 from UNESCO, 1314 Louisiana St., Lawrence, Kansas; and this is also the address where the money should be sent right after Halloween.

Plan now to have more fun than ever - but "the trick is to treat" boys and girls who desperately need your help. Church World Services has a similar project. Both render needed service to others.

Christian Action

Has the 1958-59 CHRISTIAN ACTION pledge from your P.F. been sent to the Conference Office? The Kansas goal set at Doane is \$3,300.00. Send your card in time for listing in the Rally Report at Wichita.

OBSERVE WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

October 18

IN YOUR CHURCH.

Send your earnings at once to Conference Office in Topeka.

Dear Kansas P.F.ers:

I am certain that all who help in the Pilgrim Circuit Rider project are conscious of doing much more than participating in the support of a piece of equipment. They feel they are appointing Miss Anderson as their personal representative, to express their friendship, love and sense of responsibility for the strengthening of the Christian fellowship and the spread of the Gospel of Christ. With this official receipt for \$446.02 sent by members of the Kansas P.F. Camps, I want to express my warm appreciation.

Faithfully,
Truman B. Douglass

Watch For The Handbook!

A Kansas P.F. Handbook, prepared by your State Officers, will be ready soon. It will contain Commission Helps, names and addresses of officers, a list of Audio Visual Material especially for Youth Groups, and many other Program Helps.

Scholarships

At Doane two scholarships were voted to young men from Kansas just starting their seminary training in preparation for the Christian Ministry. Dave Cutting of Lenora and Andover-Newton will receive \$300.00 and Duane Estes of Lawrence and Pacific School of Religion will receive \$300.00 during this school year.

A Great Leader

Dr. Harry Thomas Stock of Boston, General Secretary of the Division of Christian Education since 1938 died at his home in West Medford, Mass., on August 30. He was 66 years of age. Under his leadership as Secretary of our Youth Work, PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP was born in 1934. We pay tribute to a great Christian.

Church School Worker

Did you receive the September issue? This important number with the preview of fall materials, the All Church Project and many other helps was not included in all fall orders. A limited number of copies are available at the Boston Office, 14 Beacon St.

The November issue carries a story on the "In-Service Laboratory Training School" held at Wichita Plymouth last year, Mrs. Paul Heide of that church reporting.

Your Church School leaders cannot afford to be without the CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER.

Curriculum Preview

On September 21st the Greater Kansas City Area held a Preview Session at Kansas City Rosedale. Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Welborn and Mrs. Carl E. Georgeson, Conference Assistant, of Lenora were among the leaders.

Davidson Installation

Sunday afternoon and evening, Sept. 7, delegates from Eastern Association churches gathered at Seabrook Church in Topeka for the installation of the new minister. The paper read by the Rev. Floyd Davidson in the afternoon was filled with human interest and Christian insight. Dr. Rymph's sermon "Maturity in the Ministry" was well received; the solos by John D. and Forrest, sons of the Davidson's were delightful.

Nelson's Honored

Following the morning service at Lenora on September 28 the Rev. and Mrs. Christian G. Nelson were honored with a church dinner in recognition of their 50 years service in the Christian Ministry.

Purdue

Clarence Kilde, Reporting

Henceforth the word Purdue will conjure up the most pleasant of memories in the minds of 22 Kansans who attended the first National Conference on Christian Education sponsored by the United Church of Christ, held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., August 19-22, under the theme, "One Lord - One Mission."

Dominating the memory of those days is the thrilling experience of great diversity in program which emerges as the United Church develops. We were doing new things, and old things in new ways, in a rich variety of communicating mediums equal to the diversity in needs and tastes of the 3000 delegates.

Breakfast began at seven, after which we had 25 minutes for a simple order of worship and high thinking under Dr. Martin Luther King. The morning was then spent by each delegate attending two study groups. These were interspersed with a "coffee break" and conversation.

During the luncheon and dinner hours there were 20 previews of films and filmstrips, or in odd moments one could visit one of a half dozen exhibits. Afternoons were spent either in one of twenty programs for children's workers or at a performance of The Bishop's Players doing religious drama. One had to be there an hour in advance to find a seat or even standing room.

Evenings included a major film, two addresses, and the joy of 3000 singing in corporate worship. At 10 P.M. one could choose from 30 Parlor Powwows in intimate discussion groups with a maze of topics.

The conviction grows - in Christian Education the church in a new day must use new and diverse ways of

communicating the old Gospel which in itself is ever new.

Attending from Kansas Churches:

Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Mrs. Perc Rayl, Mrs. L. A. Sargent, all of KC Welborn; Mrs. F. C. Lanning, Manhattan; Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Davidson, Topeka Seabrook; Mr. and Mrs. Mayford Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hughes of Anthony; Mrs. Paul Heide, Wichita Plymouth; Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Kilde, Wichita Fairmount; Rev. and Mrs. John Becker, Mrs. R. R. Spohrer and Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, Lenora; Miss Rachel Armour, KC Rose-dale. Carl L. Georgeson, Lenora; Miss Nance Brainerd and Randy Hendrickson, Wichita Plymouth attended the young people's meetings.

Christmas Is Coming!

Christmas Family Workshops will be held in each of the three Associations on Wednesday, October 29 from 10 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. These will be training sessions in how to conduct a Christmas Family Workshop in the local church and will stress ways of making Christmas truly Christian in the home. Many ideas will be given. The Workshops will be held at Lawrence, Whitewater and Russell; a committee from each Association is making the detailed plans for the program.

Each person who attends is asked to bring a box lunch; coffee and dessert will be prepared by the host church. \$1.00 registration fee will be charged to take care of the expenses and a nursery provided for pre-school children. Each Church should arrange to send at least a carload of persons to one of these workshops. Choose the committee who will be responsible for the Family Night in your church and send them to this training session. A tentative sample program appeared in the fall issue of "Tomorrow."

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

Stewardship

Including The Woman's Gift

Stewardship is the hinge upon which Christianity swings. You and everyone in your church, every professing Christian, is a separate unit - a hinge on which the cause of Christ operates. Is this hinge rusty from the dampness of a cave-like existence? - from lack of service? Does it need the oil of love and understanding? - the light of knowledge - the polish of service? Is it in need of tightening or straightening to add strength?

Growth or recession is the law of life. No one stands still. Which way are you and your church going? What are you doing to deepen your spiritual life? Stewardship can not be delegated. Concern and prayer and devotion **MUST** be personal. Each professing Christian is a Steward of God's abundant riches.

At this time, when man has put an object into orbit around the earth and expects soon to know what the other side of the moon looks like; when it is agreed that man has more physical knowledge than he has spiritual capacity to use wisely, we need to take inventory - personally.

Dr. Frank Laubach speaks of the **UNIVERSE OF THE SPIRIT**. Explorations in this realm are lagging and each one of us is a laggard unless he takes time each day to devote some of his time, talent and treasure to the Lord.

In "Discipline and Discovery" (35c) Albert Edward Day gives some worthwhile thoughts. And have you read the "Practice of the Presence" by Brother Lawrence (10c)? There are many good

books and pamphlets to aid one in exploring the Spirit World.

Read concerning Stewardship in the new Manual, Guidebook and Program booklet in the packet - also the pink booklet on Woman's Gift projects for the next two years.

In Woman's Gift last year, we were able to increase our giving by one thousand dollars! Credit is due each one of you and also Mrs. Lancaster's enthusiastic support and plan of action. We will use her plan this year, as outlined in the Stewardship Letter sent to the Presidents recently.

Mrs. Lancaster, with much love and prayer, evolved this plan whereby a goal is set by each fellowship. As a starting point the goal was a **MINIMUM** of ten cents per week per member for the year. It almost frightens me to write that, for fear it will sound like we are putting a price on our love gift, or that some may feel that this amount is all they need to give! This is an ideal - a measuring stick - and we are aware that it must be adapted to each group. Consider your own situation carefully - set your own goal - report it to your association secretary. Kansas now ranks in the top ten among the conferences, in per capita and amount given.

I hope that Woman's Gift boxes will be given out this month to be used the year around with a Thanksgiving and Easter in-gathering. Remember, these boxes are to Remind us of God. May you feel that giving is not a duty performed, but an act of gratitude for countless blessings. We have never learned to give until we have learned to enjoy giving. Count your blessings daily. Keep your box always in sight.

When little joys come, drop in a coin, or a piece of paper denoting an amount - maybe with a brief note. These joys will be relived at in-gathering time, when you check the amount and write a check. Some prefer this method.

Of course you know Woman's Gift funds are divided into three ways: one-third within the State; one-third across the nation; one-third around the world. The fund is used in areas of great need for which there are no other funds available.

What a wonderful opportunity for us all to serve and grow!

Gretha Marlin (Mrs. Ralph)
Chairman

R E M E M B E R

NOVEMBER 2 — WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Plan to assist or take charge of the Morning Worship Service.

NOVEMBER 7 — WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

The theme - Exchange: Goods, Ideas, People. Observe in your community

Officers Meet

Some thirty officers of the Kansas Women's Fellowship met at Emporia, September 15 and 16 to make plans for the coming year. State Officers and Association Presidents held a pre-session at the home of Mrs. Roscoe Graves, State President, on Sunday afternoon and evening, September 14. Sunday evening supper and breakfast the following morning - both delicious - were served by hostess.

Monday and Tuesday were days full of planning, reports and business that should bear fruit in the months and years ahead. These sessions were held

at our Emporia Church with bountiful meals served by the church women. Steve and Etta Williams entertained at the parsonage on Monday evening following the evening session.

Concord Organizes

Concord Women's Fellowship, in our newest Wichita Church, recently organized with Mrs. Herbert Hawk as President and Mrs. Harold Hurst, as Kay Woman.

Correction

The September "In Memory" column listed Mrs. Nellie Storrs Newman by the Emporia Fellowship. The name should have read:

Mrs. Nellie Storrs Warren.

Olive Hill Women

The Women's Fellowship of the Olive Hill Church entertained with a luncheon Sept. 23 at the first meeting of the fall season. Guests were Mrs. J. H. Eckhart, President of Women's Fellowship Western Association, Mrs. John Becker and Miss Esther Relihan, secretaries of Social Action and Christian Education, respectively, and Mrs. N. A. Short. The year's theme was introduced and discussed by the guests.

The Olive Hill women were guests at Almena in July, at the home of Mrs. Eckhart, spending a day in a workshop session, getting acquainted with the packet. Those attending were, Mrs. Hudibergh, Mrs. S. Roe, Mrs. V. Roe, Mrs. Boyles and Mrs. Headrick.

New Reading List

Each year the Adventures in Reading program puts out two lists of books, one in the spring and another in the fall. Part II for 1958 is now available from the Missions Council for 3c each. Will you be a QUALIFIED READER and will your church be a READING CHURCH?

Fall Planning Meetings

From August 24 through September 23 all major Committees and Boards of the Conference met to make plans for the year ahead. Much of the planning will take shape in programs announced or to be announced, so we will call attention to only a few items.

The 1959 proposed budget worked out by the Budget Sub-Committee with Mr. W. I. Boone as Chairman and recommended by the Stewardship Committee - Mr. E. S. Bagley, Chairman was adopted by the Board of Trustees. Increases due to inflation and a more extensive Campus Ministry program make for a necessary increase over 1958 of \$5,000.00. The detailed budget, the annual stewardship letter and acceptance card have gone to several in each church and the Conference Board of Trustees expresses confidence that the budget will be adequately underwritten by Kansas churches.

Staff

A Staff Personnel Committee made up of the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney - Chairman, Mr. Dan Hopkins and the Rev. Steve Williams, brought in recommendations that full time office assistance be secured to help with details and increased services rendered by the Conference, and to release time for Mrs. Rymph to help with CHEF organization and promotion and other program planning and administration. It is hoped that Miss Eva Wolford and Mrs. John Schlarb who are at present giving part-time office assistance can give time equivalent to five days each week in 1959.

Chef

Under the leadership of Mr. Harold Lumsden, of San Francisco, Area Director for CHEF (Christian Higher Education Fund) plans were laid by

the Board of Trustees and the Conference CHEF Committee for four Area Meetings early in December to launch the program. The National Goal of \$7,500,000.00 is being raised to strengthen the work of higher education in the conferences, across the nation and overseas. The December meetings for the Minister, a Key Layman and a Laywoman from each church to meet with National and Conference leaders are planned as follows:

December 7 at Russell

December 8 at Wichita

December 9 at Topeka Central

December 10 at Kansas City Ruby

Dr. George Baxter Smith of our Lawrence Church and Kansas University is Chairman of the Kansas CHEF Committee.

American Board Seminar

The Laymen's Fellowship voted to sponsor an International Seminar for 35 to 40 chosen Kansas laymen on March 6, 7, and 8, 1959. In the spring of 1956 five Kansas laymen attended such a Seminar in Chicago. The American Board furnishes outstanding leadership including missionaries, nationals and secretaries; they also underwrite the cost of meals for the period from 11 A.M. on Friday through the Sunday noon meal. An invitation from Central Church in Topeka to hold the session there has been accepted. Any minister or church desiring to recommend one or two laymen for attendance at this meeting is invited to send names to the Conference Office.

Evangelism Committee

This committee was unanimous in their feeling that every church must constantly show a warm personal concern for its members and its potential

members in relating them to the true mission of the church. Members also need help in strengthening and enriching their personal devotional life. The Committee on Evangelism and Spiritual Life of the Women's Fellowship under the guidance of Mrs. Guy Gebhardt is eager to give help at this point.

The Conference Committee seeks the cooperation from all ministers on CONSERVATION OF MEMBERS. Almost 155,000 C. C. members are lost thru moving or inactive status - enough to make 513 new churches of 300 members each. The committee commends Visitation Evangelism programs in each church as well as more thorough training for church membership and more careful nurture and assimilation of members. To these ends the Conference Committee is at your service. Make your needs known to the Rev. Ed Brantz, Chairman, Box 698, Great Bend, Kansas.

Town and Country Committee

This group, chaired by the Rev. Dan Tyson of Smith Center voted strong support to the study and development of stewardship of soil and water resources. They are actively working on a possible location for a Work Camp for Kansas young people next summer. Mr. Tyson will represent Kansas at a Consultation on the Church and the Farm Problem, to be held in Des Moines, November 10 and 11.

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Missed At Meetings

We are happy to report that Mr. Ed Bagley, Conference Stewardship Chairman, who has been ill for several weeks is much improved and able to be at his work on the K. State Campus part time. He was greatly missed at the Fall Planning Meetings.

Lillian Picken In Kansas

From November 2-12, Miss Lillian Picken, for 44 years a missionary in India, will speak in several Kansas churches. She likes to spend three days in each place speaking to church, school and civic groups. She is scheduled for Sabetha, Eureka, Newton and Lawrence and will also talk at the state P.F. Rally and at a meeting of Seaman Women's Guild.

Do You Believe In Prayer?

Would it make a difference if Kansas Congregationalists began to pray earnestly for our missionaries overseas? How can we pray effectively if we don't even know their names, or where they are, or what they do? This is why your Conference Missionary Education Committee is trying to get at least 10 copies of the American Board Calendar of Prayer into every Congregational Church in Kansas. We still have three months in 1958. Can't we start the habit of praying for our workers overseas? Won't you take the responsibility of getting this started in your local church?

Memorial Chimes

At 25 note set of carillon chimes will be installed at Central Church, Topeka, in October. The chimes are being presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Joss as a memorial to Dr. Joss' father, the late Dr. C. Earle Joss.

Lawrence Welcomes Davises

More than 1300 worshipers attended the two services at Lawrence Plymouth on September 21st, the first Sunday for their new minister the Rev. Paul Davis. The Davises moved to Lawrence on Sept. 18 from Garden City where they have served for four years.

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"Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today."

Wakefield - Milford Parish

Under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Vogt these two churches are moving ahead. Milford recently installed a new Hammond organ and purchased new hymn books. Wakefield, under the sponsorship of the Couple's Club has recently redecorated the sanctuary and installed new tile flooring. Both churches had well attended Vacation Church Schools.

A Girl For Wentlings

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Wentling of Muscotah announce the arrival of Marilyn Marie on September 4. Older brothers are Daniel - 1 year and David - 5.

Seaman Building Fund

October 13 to 19 at Seaman Church in Topeka will be days of training and work under the direction of Russell J. May of the Board of Home Missions. As some 70 men go out on Sunday the 19th their goal will be to raise \$62,000.00 in pledges for the erection of a greatly needed education unit. Mr. James Hyde is local chairman. Our best wishes to Seaman!